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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment for filing in connection with  
the above-identified application.

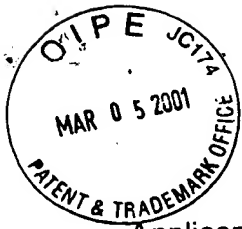
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be  
due under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17 in connection with this paper or with  
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Respectfully submitted,  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-captioned application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE DRAWINGS:

*a'* Please amend the drawings according to the attached set of figures, on which the amendment is indicated in red ink. Specifically, in Figure 17 please replace "1006" with —1106—, as shown on the hand annotated page.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

- ✓ at page 1, line 28, please ✓ replace "is herein" with —is—; ✓
- ✓ at page 2, line 1, please ✓ delete "International PCT application No."; ✓
- ✓ at page 2, line 5, please ✓ replace "D34153" with —D434153—; ✓
- ✓ at page 2, line 20, please ✓ replace "occurred," with —occurred—; ✓
- ✓ at page 2, line 27, please ✓ replace "nature," with —nature—; ✓
- ✓ at page 5, line 18, please ✓ replace "label, and" with —label and,—; ✓
- ✓ at page 5, line 19, please ✓ replace "analyte" with —analyte,—; ✓